

To STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3182

Janitorial Services for Social Services Rapid City Office

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 05/28/2021 5:00pm CDT

RFP #2370

BUYER: Department of Social Services

POC: Dawson Lewis
Dawson.Lewis@state.sd.us

READ CAREFULLY

FIRM NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____
(Digital Signature allowed)

ADDRESS: _____ TYPE OR PRINT NAME: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

ZIP (9 DIGIT): _____ FAX NO: _____

FEDERAL TAX ID#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

FAX NO: _____ E-MAIL: _____

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Department of Social services is seeking a firm to provide janitorial services at our facility at 510 N Cambell, Rapid City. The duties are outlined below in Section 3.

1.2 ISSUING OFFICE AND RFP REFERENCE NUMBER

The Office of Operations is the issuing office for this document and all subsequent addenda relating to it, on behalf of the State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services. The reference number for the transaction is RFP #2370. Refer to this number on all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to the RFP.

Please refer to the Department of Social Services website link <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/rfp.aspx> for the RFP, any related questions/answers, changes to schedule of activities, amendments, etc.

1.3 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

RFP Publication	<u>04/22/2021</u>
Deadline for Submission of Inquiries	<u>05/03/2021</u>
Responses to Offeror Questions	<u>05/10/2021</u>
Proposal Submission	<u>05/28/2021 5:00pm CDT</u>
Anticipated Award Decision/Contract Negotiation	<u>06/08/2021</u>

1.4 SITE VISITS

Vendors can ask for a tour of the facility. Please contact Kathy Roling at **605-394-2525 extension 130** to arrange.

1.5 SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

All proposals must be completed and received in the Pierre office by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities.

Proposals received after the deadline will be late and ineligible for consideration.

An original, one (1) identical copy, all attachments, and the cost proposal(s) must be submitted. That is a total of two (2) complete copies.

All proposals must be signed in ink by an officer of the offeror legally authorized to bind the offeror to the proposal and sealed in the form intended by the respondent. Proposals that are not properly signed may be rejected. The sealed envelope must be marked with the appropriate RFP Number and Title. The words "Sealed Proposal Enclosed" must be prominently denoted on the outside of the shipping container. **Proposals must be addressed and labeled as follows:**

**Request For Proposal #2370 Proposal Due May 28, 2021 5:00pm CDT
South Dakota Department of Social Services
Attention: Dawson Lewis
700 Governors Drive
Pierre SD 57501-2291**

No punctuation is used in the address. The above address as displayed should be the only information in the address field.

1.6 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

By signing and submitting this proposal, the offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation, by any Federal department or agency, from transactions involving the use of Federal funds. Where the offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the bidder shall attach an explanation to their offer.

1.7 NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The State of South Dakota requires that all contractors, vendors, and suppliers doing business with any State agency, department, or institution, provide a statement of non-discrimination. By signing and submitting their proposal, the offeror certifies they do not discriminate in their employment practices with regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, ancestry, national origin or disability.

1.8 RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

For contractors, vendors, suppliers, or subcontractors with five (5) or more employees who enter into a contract with the State of South Dakota that involves the expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, by submitting a response to this solicitation or agreeing to contract with the State, the bidder or offeror certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

The bidder or offeror, in preparing its response or offer or in considering proposals submitted from qualified, potential vendors, suppliers, and subcontractors, or in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any vendor, supplier, or subcontractor, has not refused to transact business activities, has not terminated business activities, and has not taken other similar actions intended to limit its commercial relations, related to the subject matter of the bid or offer, with a person or entity on the basis of Israeli national origin, or residence or incorporation in Israel or its territories, with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott or divestment of Israel in a discriminatory manner. It is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the State to reject the bid or response submitted by the bidder or offeror on this project and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid or response. The successful bidder or offeror further agrees to provide immediate written notice to the contracting executive branch agency if during the term of the contract it no longer complies with this certification and agrees such noncompliance may be grounds for contract termination.

1.9 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by the offeror prior to the established due date and time.

No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile responses or modifications to informal, formal bids, or Request for Proposals will be considered.

1.10 OFFEROR INQUIRIES

Offerors may email inquiries concerning this RFP to obtain clarification of requirements. No inquiries will be accepted after 05/03/2021 5:00pm CDT. Email inquiries must be sent to Dawson Lewis at Dawson.Lewis@state.sd.us with the following wording, exactly as written, in the subject line: **RFP #2370 Questions**.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will respond to offerors' inquiries by posting offeror aggregated questions and Department responses on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/rfp.aspx> no later than 05/10/2021 5:00pm CDT. For expediency,

DSS may combine similar questions. Offerors may not rely on any other statements, either of a written or oral nature, that alter any specification or other term or condition of this RFP. Offerors will be notified in the same manner as indicated above regarding any modifications to this RFP.

1.11 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

The proposal of the successful offeror(s) becomes public information. Proprietary information can be protected under limited circumstances such as client lists and non-public financial statements. Pricing and service elements are not considered proprietary. An entire proposal may not be marked as proprietary. ***Offerors must clearly identify in the Executive Summary and mark in the body of the proposal any specific proprietary information they are requesting to be protected.*** The Executive Summary must contain specific justification explaining why the information is to be protected. Proposals may be reviewed and evaluated by any person at the discretion of the State. All materials submitted become the property of the State of South Dakota and may be returned only at the State's option.

1.12 LENGTH OF CONTRACT

The initial contract will be from approximately June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. It may be renewed for up to 4 one-year periods

1.13 GOVERNING LAW

Venue for any and all legal action regarding or arising out of the transaction covered herein shall be solely in Hughes County, State of South Dakota. The laws of South Dakota shall govern this transaction.

1.14 DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFERORS (ORAL PRESENTATION/NEGOTIATIONS)

An oral presentation by an offeror to clarify a proposal may be required at the sole discretion of the State. However, the State may award a contract based on the initial proposals received without discussion with the offeror. If oral presentations are required, they will be scheduled after the submission of proposals. Oral presentations will be made at the offeror's expense.

This process is a Request for Proposal/Competitive Negotiation process. Each Proposal shall be evaluated, and each respondent shall be available for negotiation meetings at the State's request. The State reserves the right to negotiate on any and/or all components of every proposal submitted. From the time the proposals are submitted until the formal award of a contract, each proposal is considered a working document and as such, will be kept confidential. The negotiation discussions will also be held as confidential until such time as the award is completed.

2.0 STANDARD AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any contract or agreement resulting from this RFP will include, at minimum, the State's standard terms and conditions as seen in Attachment A. As part of the negotiation process, the contract terms listed in Attachment A may be altered or deleted. The offeror should indicate in their response any issues they have with any specific contract terms. If the offeror does not indicate any contract term issues, then the State will assume the terms are acceptable.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

- The contractor will perform the necessary usual and normal janitorial services required to maintain a clean and healthful environment in the offices.
- The contractor shall be responsible for direct supervision of its employee(s) performing the janitorial duties described herein to ensure the cleaning is in fact being accomplished as required.
- The contractor or any person employed by the contractor to perform the cleaning services may not have another position or job which might be construed as a conflict of interest or which may jeopardize the confidentiality of department records.
- Random inspections will be made by the Operational Specialist, supervisor or other delegated State personnel, checking the performance of the contractor. The contractor will rectify the reported complaint(s) the day after notification is received.
- All cleaning supplies, garbage (trash) plastic bags and equipment that are required shall be supplied by the contractor.
- The contractor is to use Environmentally Preferred Cleaning Products pursuant to the state policy.

Services Required

The following is a list of the services required. Services to be provided Monday through Friday. Please put a "Yes" or "No" in the "**Will do**" column to show that you understand the requirement and will provide the service listed.

Task	Will do
A. Five times weekly (Except State Holidays)	
1) Dust mop all hard surface floors.	
2) Wet mop all hard surface floors.	
3) Vacuum carpet in high traffic areas, (hallways, clerical pool, conference rooms, waiting areas, visitation rooms, etc.).	
4) Spot vacuum and clean individual offices and other areas as needed.	
5) Dust all furniture, including desks, chairs, tables, blinds and all file cabinets using treated cloths, dust collecting spray or cloth, or similar method to collect the dust. Do not move papers on desks or credenzas. (exception overhead bins with items on top).	
6) Re-arrange furniture moved during cleaning process.	
7) Spot clean all interior glass doors and glass in office areas including entry doors.	
8) Clean and disinfect counter tops and tables/furniture in lunchrooms, conference rooms and visitation rooms.	
9) Keep janitor's closet clean and orderly.	
10) Police and clean the outside area adjacent to the building and parking lot (pick up trash).	
11) Remove all trash and cigarette butts from receptacles located by outside doors.	
12) Restrooms will be maintained as follows:	
a) Clean wash basins, dispensers, chrome fittings, and fixtures.	
b) Clean mirrors and frames.	
c) Sanitize toilets, seats, and urinals. (include area surrounding urinals)	
d) Dust ledges and partitions, spot clean walls (not washing entire walls)	
e) Fill dispensers using supplies furnished by state agencies.	
f) Dust and wet mop all hard-surfaced floors.	
13) Replace burned out light bulbs and/or fluorescent tubes as need using supplies furnished by DSS	
B. Twice Weekly	
1) Vacuum all individual offices and workstations.	
C. Once Weekly	
1) Dust high partitions, ledges, and moldings.	
2) Dust window blinds.	
3) Machine buff all hard-surfaced floors.	
D. Semi-annually	
1) Clean doors/woodwork with approved cleaner.	
2) Clean all fluorescent light fixtures and shades.	
3) Wash all windows (interior and exterior).	

What is your company's background and experience in this field?

How many staff members does your company have? How easy would it be to add more if needed to fulfill this contract?

Is your company based in Rapid City? If not, where is your main office?

How long have you done business in the Rapid City area?_____

Use the following page to provide the following information related to at **least** three previous and current service/contracts performed by the offeror's organization which are similar to the requirements of this RFP. Provide this information for current clients and any service/contract that has been terminated, expired or not renewed in the past three years:

*Name, address and telephone number of client/contracting agency and a representative of that agency who may be contacted for verification of all information submitted;

*Dates of the service/contract;

*A brief, written description of the specific prior services performed and requirements thereof.

Client

Contact info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Contact person w/ title: _____

Dates of service – Start: _____ End: _____

Description of services you provide this client:

Currently working for client? If not explain why.

Client

Contact info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Contact person w/ title: _____

Dates of service – Start: _____ End: _____

Description of services:

Currently working for client? If not explain why.

Briefly describe your management style. For example, do you closely supervise work or focus on training your employees and then spot checking?

Finally, has your company had a time when a client made a special request that was difficult to fulfill? Or a situation where you had to offer services over and above what you normally would? Please write N/A if not applicable.

4.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMPANY QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of South Dakota is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. The offeror's failure to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.
- 4.2 **Offeror's Contacts:** Offerors and their agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, the evaluation, etc. to the point of contact of the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this RFP. Offerors and their agents may not contact any state employee other than the buyer of record regarding any of these matters during the solicitation and evaluation process. Inappropriate contacts are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Offerors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer of record.
- 4.3 The offeror may be required to submit a copy of their most recent independently audited financial statements.
- 4.4 The offeror must submit information that demonstrates their availability and familiarity with the locale in which the project (s) are to be implemented.
- 4.5 The offeror must detail examples that document their ability and proven history in handling special project constraints.
- 4.6 The offeror must describe their proposed project management techniques.
- 4.7 If an offeror's proposal is not accepted by the State, the proposal will not be reviewed/evaluated.

5.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT

- 5.1 An original and one (1) copy shall be submitted for a total of two (2) copies
 - 5.1.1 The proposal must have a filled-out copy of page one of this RFP.
- 5.2 All proposals must be organized like this:
 - 5.2.1 **RFP Form.** Page one of this RFP, the State's Request for Proposal form, completed and signed.
 - 5.2.2 **Detailed Response.** This section should constitute the major portion of the proposal and must contain at least the following information:
 - 5.2.2.1 Filled out copy of pages 6 and 7
 - 5.2.2.2 As needed multiple copies of page 8
 - 5.2.2.3 Filled out copy of page 9
 - 5.2.3 **Cost Proposal.**
Filled out copy of page 13

6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

- 6.1 After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Request for Proposal, the evaluator(s) shall use subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the proposal by considering each of the following criteria listed in order of importance:
- 6.1.1 Specialized expertise, capabilities, and technical competence as demonstrated by the proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements;
 - 6.1.2 Resources available to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the specified time limits for the project;
 - 6.1.3 Cost proposal.
 - 6.1.4 Record of past performance, including price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration;
 - 6.1.5 Availability to the project locale;
 - 6.1.6 Familiarity with the project locale;
 - 6.1.7 Proposed project management techniques;
 - 6.1.8 Ability and proven history in handling special project constraints
- 6.2 Experience and reliability of the offeror's organization are considered subjectively in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit any information which documents successful and reliable experience in past performances, especially those performances related to the requirements of this RFP.
- 6.3 The qualifications of the personnel proposed by the offeror to perform the requirements of this RFP, whether from the offeror's organization or from a proposed subcontractor, will be subjectively evaluated. Therefore, the offeror should submit detailed information related to the experience and qualifications, including education and training, of proposed personnel.
- 6.4 The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the State of South Dakota.
- 6.5 **Award:** The requesting agency and the highest ranked offeror shall mutually discuss and refine the scope of services for the project and shall negotiate terms, including compensation and performance schedule.
- 6.5.1 If the agency and the highest ranked offeror are unable for any reason to negotiate a contract at a compensation level that is reasonable and fair to the agency, the agency shall, either orally or in writing, terminate negotiations with the contractor. The agency may then negotiate with the next highest ranked contractor.
 - 6.5.2 The negotiation process may continue through successive offerors, according to agency ranking, until an agreement is reached or the agency terminates the contracting process.
 - 6.5.3 Only the response of the vendor awarded work becomes public. Responses to work orders for vendors not selected and the evaluation criteria and scoring for all proposals are not public. SDCL 1-27-1.5 and See SDCL 1-27-1.5 and 1-27-1.6.

7.0 **COST PROPOSAL**

Cleaning services for:
Department of Social Services
510 N Cambell
Rapid City, SD 57701

Costs:

Cost per month:	
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This page must be printed out, filled in and included in your response.

ATTACHMENT A

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**Purchase of Services Agreement
For Provider Services
Between**

State of South Dakota
Department of Social Services
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Referred to as Provider

Referred to as State

The State hereby enters into a contract (the "Agreement" hereinafter) for procurement of goods or services. While performing services hereunder, Provider is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, or employee of the State of South Dakota.

1. Provider's South Dakota Vendor Number is _____.
2. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:**
 - A. This Agreement shall be effective as of June 1, 2020 and shall end on May 31, 2021, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.
 - B. Agreement is the result of request for proposal process, RFP # _____
3. **PROVISIONS:**
 - A. The Purpose of this Provider contract:
 - 1.
 2. Does this Agreement involve Protected Health Information (PHI)? YES () NO (X)
If PHI is involved, a Business Associate Agreement must be attached and is fully incorporated herein as part of the Agreement (refer to attachment) .
 3. The Provider will use state equipment, supplies or facilities.
 - B. The Provider agrees to perform the following services (add an attachment if needed):
 - 1.
 - C. The TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT will not exceed \$ _____ .
Payment will be in accordance with SDCL 5-26
4. **BILLING:**

Provider agrees to submit a bill for services within (30) days following the month in which services were provided. Provider will prepare and submit a monthly bill for services. Provider agrees to submit a final bill within 30 days of the Agreement end date to receive payment for completed services. If a final bill cannot be submitted in 30 days, then a written request for extension of time and explanation must be provided to the State.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

The State agrees to provide technical assistance regarding Department of Social Services rules, regulations and policies to the Provider and to assist in the correction of problem areas identified by the State's monitoring activities.

6. LICENSING AND STANDARD COMPLIANCE:

The Provider agrees to comply in full with all licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance in which the service and/or care is provided for the duration of this Agreement. The Provider will maintain effective internal controls in managing the federal award. Liability resulting from noncompliance with licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance or through the Provider's failure to ensure the safety of all individuals served is assumed entirely by the Provider.

7. ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The Provider agrees to abide by all applicable provisions of the following: Byrd Anti Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352), Executive orders 12549 and 12689 (Debarment and Suspension), Drug-Free Workplace, Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, , Pro-Children Act of 1994, Hatch Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 as amended, Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Charitable Choice Provisions and Regulations, Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Religions at Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 38, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as applicable; and any other nondiscrimination provision in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the award.

8. RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL:

Pursuant Executive Order 2020-01 for contractors, vendors, supplies, or subcontracts with five (5) or more employees who enter into a contract with the State of South Dakota that involves the expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more - by signing this contract, the Provider certifies and agrees that it has not refused to transact business activities, has not terminated business activities, and has not taken other similar actions intended to limit any commercial relations as related to the subject matter of the contract with any person or entity that is either the State of Israel, a company doing business in or with Israel, or a company authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel to do business, with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott or divestment of Israel in a discriminatory manner. It is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the State of South Dakota to terminate this contract. The Provider further agrees to provide immediate written notice to the State of South Dakota if during the term of the contract it no longer complies with this certification and agrees such noncompliance may be grounds for contract termination.

9. RETENTION AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS:

The Provider agrees to maintain or supervise the maintenance of records necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the program, including records and documents regarding applications, determination of eligibility (when applicable), the provision of services, administrative costs, statistical, fiscal, other records, and information necessary for reporting and accountability required by the State. The Provider shall retain such records for a period of six years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. If such records are under pending audit, the Provider agrees to hold such records for a longer period upon notification from the State. The State, through any authorized representative, will have access to and the right to examine and copy all records, books, papers or documents related to services rendered under this Agreement. State Proprietary Information retained in Provider's secondary and backup systems will remain fully subject to the obligations of confidentiality stated herein until such information is erased or destroyed in accordance with Provider's established record retention policies.

All payments to the Provider by the State are subject to site review and audit as prescribed and carried out by the State. Any over payment of this Agreement shall be returned to the State within thirty days after written notification to the Provider.

10. WORK PRODUCT:

Provider hereby acknowledges and agrees that all reports, plans, specifications, technical data, drawings, software system programs and documentation, procedures, files, operating instructions and procedures, source code(s) and documentation, including those necessary to upgrade and maintain the software program, State Proprietary Information, as defined in the Confidentiality of Information paragraph herein, state data, end user data, Protected Health Information as defined in 45 CFR 160.103, and all information contained therein provided to the State by the Provider in connection with its performance of service under this Agreement shall belong to and is the property of the State and will not be used in any way by the Provider without the written consent of the State.

Paper, reports, forms, software programs, source code(s) and other materials which are a part of the work under this Agreement will not be copyrighted without written approval of the State. In the unlikely event that any copyright does not fully belong to the State, the State nonetheless reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any such work for government purposes.

Provider agrees to return all information received from the State to State's custody upon the end of the term of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in a writing signed by both parties.

11. TERMINATION:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice. In the event the Provider breaches any of the terms or conditions hereof, this Agreement may be terminated by the State for cause at any time, with or without notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, all accounts and payments shall be processed according to financial arrangements set forth herein for services rendered to date of termination.

12. FUNDING:

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of the law or federal funds reduction, this Agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

13. ASSIGNMENT AND AMENDMENTS:

This Agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the State. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be expressly identified as a part hereof, and be signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

14. CONTROLLING LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, without regard to any conflicts of law principles, decisional law, or statutory provision which would require or permit the application of another jurisdiction's substantive law. Venue for any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be resolved in the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

15. SUPERCESSION:

All prior discussions, communications and representations concerning the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded by the terms of this Agreement, and except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof.

16. SEVERABILITY:

In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

17. NOTICE:

Any notice or other communication required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given by and to the Division being contracted with on behalf of the State, and by the Provider, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to or between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail, provided that notice of default or termination shall be sent by registered or certified mail, or, if personally delivered, when received by such party.

18. SUBCONTRACTORS:

The Provider may not use subcontractors to perform the services described herein without express prior written consent from the State. The State reserves the right to reject any person from the Agreement presenting insufficient skills or inappropriate behavior.

The Provider will include provisions in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, to indemnify the State, and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the State in a manner consistent with this Agreement. The Provider will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance. The State, at its option, may require the vetting of any subcontractors. The Provider is required to assist in this process as needed.

19. STATE'S RIGHT TO REJECT:

The State reserves the right to reject any person or entity from performing the work or services contemplated by this Agreement, who present insufficient skills or inappropriate behavior.

20. HOLD HARMLESS:

The Provider agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as the result of performing services hereunder. This section does not require the Provider to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from errors or omissions of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

21. INSURANCE:

Before beginning work under this Agreement, Provider shall furnish the State with properly executed Certificates of Insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required in this Agreement. The Provider, at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage of the types and with the limits listed below. In the event a substantial change in insurance, issuance of a new policy, cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy, the Provider agrees to provide immediate notice to the State and provide a new certificate of insurance showing continuous coverage in the amounts required. Provider shall furnish copies of insurance policies if requested by the State.

A. Commercial General Liability Insurance:

Provider shall maintain occurrence-based commercial general liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or be no less than two times the occurrence limit.

B. Business Automobile Liability Insurance:

Provider shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$500,000 for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.

C. Worker's Compensation Insurance:

Provider shall procure and maintain Workers' Compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by South Dakota law.

D. Professional Liability Insurance:

Provider agrees to procure and maintain professional liability insurance with a limit not less than \$1,000,000.

(Medical Health Professional shall maintain current general professional liability insurance with a limit of not less than one million dollars for each occurrence and three million dollars in the aggregate. Such insurance shall include South Dakota state employees as additional insureds in the event a claim, lawsuit, or other proceeding is filed against a state employee as a result of the services provided pursuant to this Agreement. If insurance provided by Medical Health Professional is provided on a claim made basis, then Medical Health Professional shall provide "tail" coverage for a period of five years after the termination of coverage.)

22. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:

Provider certifies, by signing this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by the federal government or any state or local government department or agency. Provider further agrees that it will immediately notify the State if during the term of this Agreement either it or its principals become subject to debarment, suspension or ineligibility from participating in transactions by the federal government, or by any state or local government department or agency.

23. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Provider agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees or other persons from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain as contemplated by SDCL 5-18A-17 through 5-18A-17.6. Any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed in writing. In the event of a conflict of interest, the Provider expressly agrees to be bound by the conflict resolution process set forth in SDCL 5-18A-17 through 5-18A-17.6.

24. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:

For the purpose of the sub-paragraph, "State Proprietary Information" shall include all information disclosed to the Provider by the State. Provider acknowledges that it shall have a duty to not disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person for any reason without the express written permission of a State officer or employee with authority to authorize the disclosure. Provider shall not: (i) disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person unless otherwise specifically allowed under this Agreement; (ii) make any use of State Proprietary Information except to exercise rights and perform obligations under this Agreement; (iii) make State Proprietary Information available to any of its employees, officers, agents or providers except those who have agreed to obligations of confidentiality at least as strict as those set out in this Agreement and who have a need to know such information. Provider is held to the same standard of care in guarding State Proprietary Information as it applies to its own confidential or proprietary information and materials of a similar nature, and no less than holding State Proprietary Information in the strictest confidence. Provider shall protect confidentiality of the State's information from the time of receipt to the time that such information is either returned to the State or destroyed to the extent that it cannot be recalled or reproduced. State Proprietary Information shall not include information that (i) was in the public domain at the time it was disclosed to Provider; (ii) was known to Provider without restriction at the time of disclosure from the State; (iii) that is disclosed with the prior written approval of State's officers or employees having authority to disclose such information; (iv) was independently developed by Provider without the benefit or influence of the State's information; (v) becomes known to Provider without restriction from a source not connected to the State of South Dakota. State's Proprietary Information shall include names, social security numbers, employer numbers, addresses and all other data about applicants, employers or other clients to whom the State provides services of any kind. Provider understands that this information is confidential and protected under applicable State law at SDCL 1-27-1.5,

modified by SDCL 1-27-1.6, SDCL 28-1-29, SDCL 28-1-32, and SDCL 28-1-68 as applicable federal regulation and agrees to immediately notify the State if the information is disclosure, either intentionally or inadvertently. The parties mutually agree that neither of them shall disclose the contents of the Agreement except as required by applicable law or as necessary to carry out the terms of the Agreement or to enforce that party's rights under this Agreement. Provider acknowledges that the State and its agencies are public entities and thus are bound by South Dakota open meetings and open records laws. It is therefore not a breach of this Agreement for the State to take any action that the State reasonably believes is necessary to comply with the South Dakota open records or open meetings laws. If work assignments performed in the course of this Agreement require additional security requirements or clearance, the Provider will be required to undergo investigation.

25. REPORTING PROVISION:

Provider agrees to report to the State any event encountered in the course of performance of this Agreement which results in injury to any person or property, or which may otherwise subject Provider, or the State of South Dakota or its officers, agents or employees to liability. Provider shall report any such event to the State immediately upon discovery.

Provider's obligation under this section shall only be to report the occurrence of any event to the State and to make any other report provided for by their duties or applicable law. Provider's obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications). Reporting to the State under this section shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of Provider to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirements of any applicable law.

26. COST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

☐ The Provider agrees to submit a cost report in the format required by the State and is due four months following the end of the Provider's fiscal year.

or

☒ No reporting is required.

27. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

In witness hereto, the parties signify their agreement by affixing their signatures hereto.

_____	_____
Provider Signature	Date

Provider Printed Name	
_____	_____
State - DSS Division Director	Date
_____	_____
State - DSS Chief Financial Officer Laurie Mikkonen	Date
_____	_____
State – DSS Cabinet Secretary Laurie R. Gill	Date

State Agency Coding:

CFDA #	_____	_____	_____	_____
Company	_____	_____	_____	_____
Account	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center Req	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center User	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dollar Total	_____	_____	_____	_____

DSS Program Contact Person _____
Phone _____

DSS Fiscal Contact Person Contract Accountant
Phone 605 773-3586

Provider Program Contact Person _____
Phone _____
Provider Program Email Address _____

Provider Fiscal Contact Person _____
Phone _____
Provider Fiscal Email Address _____

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The State of South Dakota requires all contracts signed July 1, 2009 and later to include documentation that the agency has complied with the procedures set forth in SDCL 5-18A through 5-18D (HB 1260). The documentation must include the request for proposal number (RFP) or the reason the agreement is exempt from the requirements of the law. Payments for contracts that have not complied with the law will be returned as illegal, unauthorized or improper (SDCL 4-9-7).

Provider's Name: _____

RFP #: _____

(OR)

Check the applicable exemption(s):

- ☐ (1) Sole Source is defined by SDCL 5-18D-21 as "services of such a unique nature that the contractor selected is clearly and justifiably the only practicable source to provide the service. Determination that the contractor selected is justifiably the sole source is based on either the uniqueness of the service or sole availability at the location required. Sole source contracts by their nature should be rare;

If checked, please provide explanation:

- ☐ (2) Emergency services necessary to meet an urgent or unexpected requirement or when health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is a risk;

If checked, please provide explanation:

- ☐ (3) Services subject to federal law, regulation, or policy or state statute, under which a state agency is required to use a different selection process or to contract with an identified contractor or type of contractor;

- ☐ (4) Services for professional legal services and services of expert witnesses, hearing officers, or administrative law judges retained by state agencies for administrative or court proceedings;

- ☐ (5) Services involving state or federal financial assistance passed through by a state agency to a political subdivision;

- ☐ (6) Medical services and home and community-based services;

- ☐ (7) Services to be performed for a state agency by another state or local government agency or contracts made by a state agency with a local government agency for the direct provision of services to the public; or

- ☐ (8) Services to be provided by entertainers for the state fair and other events.

- ☐ (9) Does not exceed \$50,000.00; [SDCL 5-18A-14](#), [SDCL 5-18D-17](#)